



Superintendent's Report

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29th Annual "Eyes with Pride" Band Competition this Weekend

This Saturday, Columbus Grove Schools will host the 29th annual Eyes with Pride Marching Band Competition at Clymer Stadium. We would like to welcome all performers, parents, friends, and supporters of the many young musicians who will perform. Eight high school bands including our own Bulldog Marching Band will entertain spectators while attempting to earn a trip to OMEA state finals. Bands will be judged on their technical music accuracy, musical and visual presentation, accuracy of marching, coordination, and music interpretation. The show begins at 6:00 p.m. Come support the Columbus Grove Marching Band and other bands in our areas as they put on a spectacular show!

CGHS Students in the Spotlight

Junior Ivy Parker was a member of the Ohio State Youth Choir this summer for 3 weeks and performed over 90 concerts. She also received a solo in one of the songs. Thank you for representing our school district, Ivy!

Senior Hunter Roethlisberger competed in the Heavy Weight Teen National Championship this past July. Hunter earned National Championship title for his weight class and also became a National record holder with a 200 lb. Mouser Block press. Congrats Hunter!

Senior volleyball player Rylee Sybert set a new school career assists record which was previously held by Erica Glass with 1217 from 2005-2008. Way to go Rylee!

CG Hosts Military Tribute Night

At last Friday night's home football game versus Paulding, CGHS hosted a military tribute night to honor our military veterans. Representatives of the Ohio National Guard were on hand, as they brought a number of military vehicles and provided an inflatable tunnel for the team to run through. The student cheering section did a phenomenal job with their "USA" theme night. Public address announcer Denny Ricker provided the pregame remarks and veterans stood side-by-side with our football team during the National Anthem. We would like to thank the Ohio National Guard for joining us last Friday and we say thank you to all of country's military veterans who provide us with the freedoms we enjoy every day!



Don't Forget to Subscribe to the District Online Notification System

With fog issues already beginning this school year, I want to remind parents and students that they receive the latest information from the district through an online notification system. You can sign up with an email address, a cell phone, or both. All messages will come from the address OHIOALERTS.ORG. Once you have submitted the form, you will receive a confirmation message to each address. Simply go to <http://ohioalerts.org/ColumbusGrove> to sign up for this notification system. This system is very efficient in getting the latest information regarding school delays and closings, as well as other district related information. We now have over 2,800 subscribers!

2018 School District State Report Card Issued

For approximately the last 20 years, the Ohio Department of Education has issued a state report card for school districts in the state of Ohio. These report cards have changed dramatically over the last two decades, as the state has attempted to obtain a more authentic assessment in measuring school effectiveness in meeting the needs of its students.

Last week, the latest school report cards were released, and this is the first year in a number of years that an “overall” rating has been applied to school districts. Columbus Grove Schools received an overall rating of a “B” in this year’s report card. About 30% of the schools in Ohio earned an overall “B” rating (4.6% earned an “A”). While we are pleased with this grade, this is only one snapshot or measurement in how we meet the needs of our students.

The school report card consists of a number of categories, including a “Progress” section, which measures the educational growth of our students from year to year. This area also measures the growth of our student subgroups, including gifted students, students in the lowest 20% of achievement, and students with disabilities. Columbus Grove Schools earned an “A” in this category and tied at the top of the county with the highest number of subgroups earning an “A”. This score is an excellent indicator of how our staff works to meet the needs of every student who walks through our school doors, no matter what background from which they come.

Another section of the report card is the “Gap Closing” component. The Gap Closing component shows how well schools are meeting the performance expectations for the most vulnerable students in English language arts, math, graduation and English language proficiency. Last year, CG Schools scored an 80.3%, good for a “B” rating. This year, that score increased to and 89.9%, just 0.1% away from an “A” rating. Again, kudos goes to our staff for their efforts in helping every student succeed!

While we are proud of the achievement of our students, we also recognize that these state tests are just one measure of our students’ level of progress. We have prided ourselves in the expansion of technology integration in student learning at CG. We have created numerous college and career readiness programs and activities for our students, including a career explorations class for our eighth graders this year. We have strong numbers of students taking Advanced Placement courses at the high school as well as College Credit Plus through various area universities. We have organized a systematic process for working with our students with social-emotional needs. We have forged a number of community partnerships to provide support for our district’s most vulnerable students.

But most importantly, our staff members continue to work diligently to build relationships with our students. We will continue to work to find the best ways to meet the needs of our students at Columbus Grove Schools and we thank our parents and community for their continued support as we strive to build tomorrow’s leaders. If you have any questions regarding the school district report card, please feel free to call my office at 659-4301.

School Cafeteria Updates

Grades K-4 can choose the “Sack Lunch” instead of the meal each day. (The Cafeteria no longer offers the ham and turkey sandwiches). The sack lunch contains a turkey sandwich, cheese stick, carrots and celery w/dip, fruit and milk. This is offered to ALL students regardless of their meal plan at no additional cost.

Grades 5-12 can now choose their entrée each day at no additional cost regardless of the meal plan they are on. We are offering a pizza choice as well each day for grade 7-12. Grades 7-12 have the option to choose either entrée, that days pizza or salad bar regardless of the meal plan they are on at no additional charge.

Breakfast is served daily from 7:30-8:00 am in the cafeteria. The cost for breakfast is \$2.00 for paid students, .30 for reduced and free to students receiving free lunches.

Upcoming Dates:

Thursday September 20th

Boys Varsity Golf @ NWC Championship – Auglaize Country Club – 9:00 am

Boys JH Football vs. Allen East HS – 5:00 pm

Girls Varsity & JV Volleyball @ Spencerville HS – 5:30 pm

Friday September 21st

Boys Varsity Football @ Crestview – 7:00 pm

Saturday September 22nd

Girls Varsity & JV Volleyball @ McComb (Tri Match) – 10:00 am

Coed Varsity Cross Country @ Ohio Caverns – 9:00 am

Coed JH Cross Country @ Van Buren – 9:00 am

Boys JV Football vs. Crestview HS – 10:00 am